

APPLICATION FOR AID

TO THE

Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church

IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

156 Fifth Avenue, New York

RULES OF THE BOARD

Every church should, by a systematic and self-denying effort, or by union with one or more neighboring churches, endeavor to support itself before seeking aid of the Board of Home Missions, and when it becomes evident that aid must be received, the smallest amount needed should be asked.

It is required of every church before seeking aid that there be a thorough every-member canvass of the congregation for pledges towards the pastor's support. The Board expects that the minimum contribution shall not be less than ten cents a week per member.

It is also required that the minister live on his field and devote his whole time to the work for which he is commissioned by the Board, and be engaged in no other calling or business.

Application from churches asking aid should be sent to the Presbytery, or its Home Mission Committee and received by the Board as near the date of the minister's beginning his work as possible. No grant is made to a church for ministerial supply in the interval between the resignation of one pastor and the calling of another.

When aid is granted to any church, it is done on the condition that it shall make at least an annual offering for all the Boards; **also, that due notice be given to the Board and Home Mission Committee of Presbytery, by the minister, if the field is to be vacated before the expiration of his commission.**

All applications must be renewed before a new grant can be made. **In seeking renewals all the blanks in the form prepared should be filled, and every item of information necessary to the complete understanding of the case be furnished the Board.** Facts stated in former applications can not be accepted as satisfactory for the renewal.

By direction of the General Assembly, every application must be approved and forwarded (a) by the Presbytery to which the church belongs, or (b) by the Presbytery's Committee on Home Missions. The recommendation of missionaries and the amount of aid must be determined by ballot.

(FILL EVERY BLANK)

SYNOD of Washington

PRESBYTERY of Alaska

Missionary District of Skagway including the Presbyterian churches of

Skagway

and the out-stations of

Missionary in Charge, Rev. E.L. Winterberger P. O. Address Skagway

Amount of aid asked from the Board for the minister, \$ 1000. From what date? Apr. 1st of months 12

HELPERS	P. O. Address	Amount of Aid Asked from Board	No. of Months	From What Date ?	Total Salary
(1) _____		\$			\$
(2) _____		\$			\$
(3) _____		\$			\$
(4) _____		\$			\$
(5) _____		\$			\$
(6) _____		\$			\$

Have the congregations been thoroughly and systematically canvassed for pledges for salaries and other expenses?

The pledges for salaries amount to \$ 600.; for rents and travel \$ _____; for current expenses \$ _____

The amount paid last year for salaries was \$ 600. ; for rents and travel \$ _____ ; for current expenses \$ _____

Are there any church edifices in your district? yes If so how many and where located?

Skagway,

Are there any manses in your district? Yes If so how many and where located? Skagway

Rent per month \$_____ Paid by whom?_____

Population of your district 500. Principal business R.R. Some mining, Gen'l business

The other denominations represented in the district, with their respective memberships, are as follows:

Catholic, 50. Christain Sc. 20.

[illegible]

Out-Stations

[illegible]

The foregoing application of the white Church of _____

is hereby approved

by the Presbytery of Skagway, Alaska and its Home Mission Committee for \$ 1,000.00

from April 1, 1920 to March 31, 1921

Geo. G. Bruce Chairman of Committee

April 15, 1920

REMARKS BY THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

Application by churches for aid from the Board, requests for application blanks, and all correspondence pertaining to grants, should be addressed to Board of Home Missions, 156 Fifth Ave.

*Letter to Alaska men in re
increase of \$100. in support
of ministers -*

May 6, 1920.

Rev. E. L. Winterberger,

Skagway, Alaska.

My dear Brother:-

The Board has been compelled to make serious reductions from the Estimates submitted not only from Alaska, but in every other department. It is the desire of the Board that the Skagway church would reopen the question of self-support and make an effort to secure additional subscriptions so that the church may not require more than \$900. from the Board this year. We earnestly solicit your cooperation and will be grateful to you if you will heartily direct and support such a movement. We are sure that Skagway would be glad to stand with Juneau as soon as it possibly can and we believe that the re-canvass will be not only another step in that direction, but also a benefit both to the church and to the Board.

Vouchers for the current year will be forwarded to you by the Treasurer's office. Report blanks for the year are enclosed herewith, one set to be sent to the Board and a duplicate copy to Dr. Condit, General Missionary for Alaska.

And with all good wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Enclosures-

JD/I.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

E. L. WINTERBERGER, MINISTER
SKAGWAY, ALASKA

August, 20, '20

D. L. Winterberger
Rev John Dixon D.D.

156 Fifth Ave.

New York,

N.Y.

My Dear Dr Dixon:- Your letter of May 6th with reference to a recanvass of the church for funds to reduce the appropriation granted the Skagway church was not presented to the Board of Trustees, until last night on account of my absence in the states.

The Board expressed its earnest desire to make all effort possible for the reducing of the amount required but cannot see how it can do any better than it is now doing.

The population of Skagway is about 500 and all the people are men of small means, with the raising of about \$1200. for necessary expenses of repairs and salary, and about \$200. for benevolences the Board feels that it is doing about all it can do under the circumstances.

There is encouraging prospect of an improvement of the situation here and another year or so may see a forward stride in the town which will make possible a reduction in part or whole of the amount asked of the Board.

Sincerely Yours.

E. L. Winterberger

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

E. L. WINTERBERGER, MINISTER
SKAGWAY, ALASKA

July, 22, '20.

Rev. R.S. Nickerson,
Bellevue,
Idaho.

My Dear Brother:- Doctor Condit requested that I write you
relative to the Cordova field, and my relation to it.

I am not in a position to consider the call of the church there
and have not thought of considering it, though mindful of the fact that
it is very kind of them to consider me as acceptable.

You may therefore go ahead with any plans you have formulated
just as though I had not been in any way considered in connection
with the church.

I trust you will go to Cordova, and that you will be most
happy and successful in your work there. If perchance you
should come thru Skagway or touch at this port, be sure to call
us up or look in on us while you are in port.

With best wishes for your success I am,

Very cordially Yours.

E. L. Winterberger

July 30, 1920.

Rev. E.L. Winterberger,

Skagway, Alaska.

My dear Brother:-

Rev. W. S. Marple of Fairbanks on his way out stopped at Cordova. He learned that the Cordova people were interested in you and desired to have you as their pastor. Dr. Condit wrote us that if this was acceptable to you doubtless arrangements could easily be made and that the Board of Home Missions would hear definitely with regard to it. We have received no letter from you which I interpret to mean that you have not yet made up your mind as to your duty. We shall be glad to hear from you as soon as you have reached a decision for we have a number of applications from ministers to go to Cordova in response to the appeal of Dr. Young made for men to go to Alaska. If you are going to Cordova that closes the situation there, while it will open Skagway and doubtless the Skagway people will desire to have something to say with regard to your successor. In any event, it would help us if we might hear from you very soon.

Praying that you may be guided and prospered in all of your way, I am,

Cordially yours,

JD/I.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

E. L. WINTERBERGER, MINISTER
SKAGWAY, ALASKA

See letter written to
Mr. H - 7/30/20 which
crossed this one
from Mr. H -

July, 22, '20

Rev John Dixon, D.D.

156 Fifth Ave.

New York.

N.Y.

My Dear Dr Dixon:- With reference to the Cordova field, copy of your letter was forwarded to me by Dr Condit, I would say:

It would not be fair to the Skagway people who have been very cordial and most kind; to leave here after having been here but a year. Any good I might do in Cordova would be more than offset by leaving here, where the people are eagerly anxious that we should stay with them.

I have written Mr Nickerson and the people of Cordova of my decision in the matter.

With Cordial Best Wishes, I am,

Sincerely Yours.

E. L. Winterberger

Good for Winterberger
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August 2, 1920.

Rev. E. L. Winterberger,

Skagway, Alaska.

My dear Brother:-

I have your favor of July the twenty-second. We accept very willingly your decision to remain in Skagway and have no doubt that you have been wisely guided. I shall write to Mr. Nickerson in the hope that he will go to Cordova.

With best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

JD/I.

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The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church

IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

REPORT OF MISSIONARY FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH

Please forward this report to the Secretary promptly after the date mentioned.

Name of Missionary E.L. Winterberger

P. O. Address { Skagway
Alaska

Name of Presbytery Alaska

STATISTICAL REPORT

In the *Statistical Report*, under "Names of Churches and Stations," please write the name of each preaching place, following each in the spaces on the same line with information as to the quarter's work.

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND STATIONS	PREACHING SERVICES				OTHER SERVICES				MONTHLY MEETINGS FOR MISSIONARY STUDY AND PRAYER		Number of Pastoral Calls	MEMBERS RECEIVED		BAPTISMS	
	SABBATH		MID-WEEK		SABBATH		MID-WEEK					On Ex.	On Cer.	Adult	Infant
	No.	Ave. Att.	No.	Ave. Att.	No.	Ave. Att.	No.	Ave. Att.	SUBJECTS	Ave. Att.					
First	2	25			1	40	1	8			70				8

GENERAL REPORT

In the *General Report*, please give some details of the various departments of the work, with its trials and encouragements, and any facts or incidents that will inform the Board as to the field, or interest the Home Mission givers throughout the Church at large. Both sides of this sheet may be used.

During our vacation in the states, Rev. Claude Denton of Haines was able to get to Skagway but three times, One or two other preaching services were held in addition to those held by Mr Denton. Flu and Measles caused two quarantines on the Sunday School, otherwise the Sunday School services were maintained, as well as the Prayer Meetings

The work has gone well since we have returned, and the interest is good. We are carrying thru an eight months campaign of publicity a committee sends out a letter every two weeks, to every protestant family in the town, urging their attendance on the services.

We are still hoping that another spring will see an improvement in the number in the town. We feel the church is doing good work tho not very much can be tabulated at this time.

The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church

IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

REPORT OF MISSIONARY FOR QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31ST

Please forward this report to the Secretary promptly after the date mentioned

Name of Missionary E.L. Winterberger

Name of Presbytery Alaska

P. O. Address { Skagway
Alaska

STATISTICAL REPORT

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First Pres. P.M. 1	40	1	10							44		3		

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We regret our inability to make a more glowing report. We are of opinion that more ought to be done here, but we seem unable to do as much as should be done. We are of course ready to give way to a more capable man so soon as he may be found. It is now two years since we came and no admission on confession of faith. People appear to think well of us, they attend the services fairly well and express themselves ~~and~~ as being helped. A non christian said last week, "I consider the hour spent in church service Sunday night the most profitable of the week".

96 children registered in our Sunday School during the year. 23 left town, 53 are now on the roll, 14 are in town but irregular, 7 have perfect attendance for the year past.

Every two weeks we send our a letter similar to the ones attached, We have been doing this since Sept. We send to over a hundred people in town. This has helped some, and one man who has been a slave to drink is now a regular attendant with his wife, who never came before. We have raised \$120. for starving Syrians, and our Christmas S.S. offering for this cause

was \$44.80. We are giving a course of lectures on Americanization during the winter, ten lectures illustrated. They pay for themselves and draw quite an attendance. We are seeking to faithfully fulfill our ministry

~~but the Board has no grounds for considering our work in the light~~

81 but it does not measure up to what we feel it ought in the conversion of men.

JAN 30 1921

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

E. L. WINTERBERGER, MINISTER
SKAGWAY, ALASKA

Oct. 28, '20

Dear Friend:-The Church is in this community to inspire you to high ideals and to encourage you to keep them constantly in view.

K E E P

Why not associate yourself with others who are seeking this worthy end? You can help us, and perhaps we can help you.

Y O U R

You'll enjoy the evening service next Sunday. The Topic is: "Our Duty in the Coming Election".

I D E A L S

We study the Bible at 12:15. Preaching at 11:00 Good singing.

Yours Truly.

Publicity Committee

Ps. The next Americanization Lecture with slides will be given Thursday evening Nov. 4 th. Subject:- The Loyal Classes who Build the State and the Enemies who Undermine it. Come!

P.C.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

E. L. WINTERBERGER, MINISTER

SKAGWAY, ALASKA

Feb. 5, '21

Rev. John Dixon D.D.
156 Fifth Ave.
New York
N.Y.

My Dear Dr Dixon:- I ran across this article in a Ketchikan paper and knowing that Rev Falconer is too modest a man to send it to you I am doing it for him. He is one of the finest men in Alaska. he has the finest family a man ever met, seven children. It is a joy to be able to say this word of one of such sterling worth.

Cordially.

E. L. Winterberger

February 23, 1921.

Rev. E. L. Winterberger,

Skagway, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Winterberger:-

I have yours of February fifth enclosing the article in the Ketchikan paper about Mr. Falconer, and the work at Saxman. Thank you very much for your kindness in sending it. I have read every bit of it with quickened interest. I shall write to Mr. Falconer a congratulatory word. I shall also see to it that both Dr. Marquis and Dr. Young have an opportunity to read the clipping.

And with all good wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

JD/I.

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The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church

IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

REPORT OF MISSIONARY FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31ST

Please forward this report to the Secretary promptly after the date mentioned

Name of Missionary E. L. Winterberger

P. O. Address

SkagwayName of Presbytery AlaskaAlaska

STATISTICAL REPORT

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GENERAL REPORT

In the *General Report*, please give some details of the various departments of the work, with its trials and encouragements, and any facts or incidents that will inform the Board as to the field, or interest the Home Mission givers throughout the Church at large. Both sides of this sheet may be used.

The winter's work has been quite satisfactory from the standpoint of attendance. There has been a steady interest and people who have not attended church for many years are beginning to come out.

Nothing has been accomplished for tabulation so far as people joining the church on confession of their faith. In this we have failed.

The Sunday School is doing excellent work and we have a good school and earnest faithful teachers.

There are some indications that conditions will improve in Alaska and more people come to the territory. This summer will demonstrate that hope ~~fact~~ to be true or false.

The church has contributed over \$400 to benevolences and met its regular expenses. In the campaign now on the Trustees are trying to raise enough money so as to reduce the amount asked from the Board.

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The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church

IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

REPORT OF MISSIONARY FOR QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30TH

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Name of Missionary E.L. Winterberger

P. O. Address { Skagway,
Alaska.

Name of Presbytery Alaska

STATISTICAL REPORT

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	No.	Ave. Att.	No.	Ave. Att.	No.	Ave. Att.	No.	Ave. Att.	SUBJECTS	Ave. Att.					
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		P.M. 30													

GENERAL REPORT

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The work is keeping up well, and the interest remains very good. We have reason to hope for some to unite with the church in the near future. The Sunday School is well officered and the teaching force is alive and working well. There is a little improvement in the outlook for an increase in the growth of the town. The summer tourist trade promises well for this year a number of our people from different parts of the country call and are pleased to see an active organization at work here.

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PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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SEPTEMBER TWENTIETH CHURCH HAS TEMPORARY SUPPLY WILL BOARD
TAKE FURNITURE SUGGESTED YEAR AGO AND PAY MOVING EXPENSES
LOCAL PHYSICIANS UNABLE TO FIND CAUSE ILLNESS WILL GO TO
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E C WINTERBERGER.

He has been paid for full month of Sept. 1907

Sept.
12th
1935

Rev. E. L. Winterberger,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Mr. Winterberger:

Replying to your telegram, I wish to say that we regret exceedingly the necessity for your resignation from the church at Anchorage. Your September salary has been paid in full. I understand, however, that you are leaving Anchorage on September 20th. The Board will therefore have a credit of one-third of your salary for September, or \$16.66, which we shall be glad to apply toward the cost of the chairs which you have offered to sell us for the sum of \$75. However, upon making inquiries with reference to the price of second-hand furniture, I feel that your figure of \$75 is too high. In the States you would not be able to get as much as \$40 for the davenport and two chairs. However, we will allow you \$50. Deducting the credit of \$16.66 on account of your salary for September, the Board will pay you the sum of \$33.34, which we shall be glad to remit to you immediately upon receipt of word that this arrangement is satisfactory.

Should the Board be expected to pay your entire moving expenses? Or should we pay only the same proportion of your moving expenses as of your salary? In other words, if the Board pays one-third of your salary, ought we to be expected to pay more than one-third of your moving expenses? I do not have the correspondence available which was sent at the time you accepted the work at Anchorage and which would indicate just what commitment the Board made regarding the matter of moving your furniture back to the States from Anchorage when the time came that you felt it was necessary for you to leave. I will therefore depend upon you to advise me what portion of your moving expenses the Board is expected to pay.

We will pay your boat and railroad fare to Eugene, Oregon, and also that of your family.

I am very sorry to learn of your illness, and I hope that the treatment you are planning to take in Portland will be effectual in restoring you soon to your accustomed health.

Faithfully yours,

Rev. E. L. Winterberger,
Anchorage, Alaska

May
7th
1935

Dear Mr. Winterberger:

I have been examining the financial report of your church for the year just closed, and I want first of all to congratulate you and your people upon the excellent record you have made. In view of the financial ability of your congregation, it seems quite clear that you are rapidly approaching the time when your church will take its place with the Northern Light Church of Juneau as a self-supporting congregation. As a matter of fact, I feel that with a little extra effort your church could be self-supporting now, and I wish that it might be possible to stimulate your congregation and your church officers to a realization of the advantage of achieving this goal.

I cannot help comparing your situation with that of other ministers in the States who are receiving aid from the Board of National Missions. It should not surprise you to be told that out of more than two thousand ministers who are pastors of aid-receiving churches, less than fifty received last year a total cash salary of approximately \$150 a month with the free use of a manse, as you did. I made a survey of aid-receiving churches in the Synod of Iowa a few months ago, and the results of this investigation revealed the fact that the pastors of eighty-seven Presbyterian churches receiving aid in that State received a total salary for the previous year of less than \$900, and some of them did not have the free use of a manse. I wish that all of our missionaries could have had the same salary that you received, and my purpose in calling your attention to this situation is not to intimate that you received more than you deserved but to point out to you your advantageous position with reference to this matter of financial support.

I noted with interest that your church assumes a responsibility for \$20 a month for paid musical services, or approximately \$240 a year; and in addition to paying your salary last year they paid \$240 for a pulpit supply. Being familiar with the basis on which the Board's mission aid is given to churches here in the States, I am quite confident that none of our Presbyteries in so-called "missionary areas" in the western Synods would feel justified in requesting any appropriation from the Board of National Missions for any church which employs paid musical talent and which can afford to pay pulpit supplies at the rate which your church paid last year. Frankly, we are questioning whether the Anchorage church ought to continue to receive any aid from the Board in view of its financial ability as revealed by this report. I am sure you are aware of the fact that the Board expects every church that receives aid, to apply all the increase in its local resources toward relieving the Board of that aid at the earliest possible moment in order that such aid may be made available for churches whose people are in a far less advantageous position. Instead of doing this, your church has assumed expenditures for music, etc., which it is not customary for aid-receiving churches to assume until they have first achieved the goal of supporting their own pastor without aid from mission funds.

I realize how much your paid singers must add to the attractiveness of your services, but when a church is receiving aid from mission funds, it is a question as

to whether it is justified in employing paid singers. I have examined the budgets of hundreds of our aid-receiving churches in the Synods for which I am the Contact Officer here in the States, and I have not found one of these aid-receiving churches which includes anything in its budget for music or pulpit supplies.

All that I have said relates itself very directly to the missionary spirit and vision of the people. It would seem that our congregation at Anchorage, which is now so well established and which really ought not to be classed as a mission church, should have a greater regard for its missionary obligation and for the debt which it owes in view of the aid which it has received, to the missionary enterprise of our Church in the extension of our activities into other localities. Now, it must be perfectly obvious that we cannot make any extension of our work if every church that receives aid comes to regard that aid as an annual subsidy to which it is entitled out of the general funds of the Presbyterian Church. Both the Board and the General Assembly have definitely set themselves against the assumption of such an attitude on the part of any church. Aid is given to a church for a limited period only, and that period of aid expires automatically when the church grows in numbers and giving ability to a point where it can support its own pastor. Instead of postponing that aid indefinitely, the Board has established a definite policy looking toward annual reductions in aid which will assist the church to come to self-support within a stated time. I call your attention to this policy because it seems to us that it ought to be made clear to every congregation that is receiving aid out of National Missions funds, and it ought to be a matter of local pride on the part of each congregation to cooperate with the Board in the carrying out of this policy.

Extensions of our work in Alaska are needed now but we are without the funds to undertake any new work. How we shall take care of the Matanuska Valley situation after Mr. Bingle's four months' leave of absence has expired, I am unable now to say. Wainwright has been without any pastoral care up to this time and there are other fields which we ought to occupy besides strengthening the work at Wales and St. Lawrence Island; but the only way we can obtain money in order to do this is for churches that have giving ability such as ours, to accept a reduction in the aid which they are receiving, thus releasing money to be made available for other fields which are less able to help themselves.

We have promised to continue your aid at the rate of \$50 a month from April 1st. The budget for the year beginning October 1st will not be increased. Any extensions or enlargements of our work will have to be postponed for another year unless reductions are made in the aid now being given to a number of our churches in view of the ability of their congregations to provide in a larger way for the support of their pastor - as in the case of our congregation at Anchorage, as revealed by the annual report of this year as well as of last year. In view of these facts we feel that beginning October 1st they should assume one-half of the aid which you are now receiving from the Board - thus reducing this aid to \$25 a month. This reduction would be made with the expectation that during the following year the church would absorb the remainder of the aid, thus placing itself on a full self-supporting basis within two years. In comparison with the situation in other churches with whose condition we are thoroughly familiar, we feel that this action is not only justified but that it is most generous and certainly the generosity of the Board in the past, which has enabled your church to provide funds so readily for other purposes than the support of the pastor should be fully appreciated both by you and by your congregation in the present situation.

In closing, permit me to express a word of congratulation to your ladies' aid society which has contributed in such a generous way toward the support of the church during the past year. You are fortunate in having a band of such devoted women.

You know that it is farthest from my desire or purpose in taking this step to impose any hardships upon you. As a matter of fact, it should not impose any hardship upon you at all, and I feel confident that if the matter is explained to your church officers and congregation, and if their loyalty to the Church and their recognition of the soundness of our missionary policy is appealed to, they will view our action sympathetically and will probably march forward, taking their place beside the Northern Light Church of Juneau as a self-supporting congregation.

Awaiting your further advice with reference to this matter, and with every good wish, I am

Faithfully yours,

JMS:BH

First Presbyterian Church

Rev'd E. L. Winterberger A. M. Minister

April
27
1935

ANCHORAGE,
ALASKA.

Rev. John M. Somerndike D.D.
156 Fifth Ave.
New York,
N.Y.

My Dear Dr Somerndike:

In your letter of Feb. 13 th you stated that you would like to have this church take \$100 of the amount the Board has been paying toward my salary for the coming year, and I wrote you that I would bring the matter to the attention of the Board and did so, without getting the full consent that the Board would assume that amount, but I wrote you that "If the Board does not secure enough to meet it I will take that much cut in Salary". In this last mail my check comes for \$50. which is a cut of \$15. a month or \$180. a year. or over 23%. I wonder if it is merely a clerical error. Its all right to load the willing horse with a heavier load, but it would hardly seem fair to make Anchorage take a cut for the whole Presbytery, when there is nothing in outward conditions to warrant it.

Bingle writes me that he is coming up on May 3 rd or 4th. That will be all right to get him here in good time for the Valley settlers. He will no doubt be first on the ground of any religious worker. I shall go with him and see what can be done as to location etc. I will probably spend most of the week there and will report to you what we find.

Now just let us know specifically what and where we are at in this matter. Is he to have a house built for him? What is the character of that house? Will all the material for it be sent from Seattle? Do you expect us to find the workmen here for the building and what will we be allowed and how will payment be made? We can find the workmen here to do the work and it will be better than to send a man from Seattle.

And what about the church building? Will the plan and the material be sent for it? from Seattle? It does not matter to me whether I have anything to do with it or not, and I will not be peeved if you do all the business thru Mr Bingle. But you should know very shortly just what you are going to do and how and we ought to know it here and just about when it is going to be done. One boss carpenter could oversee the two projects and as there is no Union up here, handy men could be hired at more reasonable rates to do a good bit of the work. If that meets with your approval. You no doubt have already formulated your plans along these lines and are ready to proceed so soon as things start in the Valley. This will be quite satisfactory to us. Living in a tent for one man is not so bad until the fall, but then if the work is going on he should have a house, but a comparatively small one as I suggested in my previous letter. It must be borne in mind that this is not a permanently established project, tho it may prove so. The thing may go to pot within three or four years but it will no doubt be in some form a place for religious work for many years tho possibly not so big as the present enthusiasms picture it.

Yours very truly
E. L. Winterberger

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Rev. E. L. Winterberger,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Mr. Winterberger:

I have your letter of April 27th. If you will refer to my letter of October 25th, you will find that I stated in that letter that after April 1st the Board would not be obligated for a larger salary than \$50 a month. In your reply dated November 12th, you stated:

"I thank you for recommending that we do not get the cut of \$15 a month for the next six months because my officers failed to respond to your request that they assume more of my salary. I trust the church officers may be in position to assume that in the Spring, and in case they are not will take the cut as I would have done at this time."

It was on the basis of this understanding that we fixed the budget for your salary at \$50 a month beginning April 1st.

As Chairman of the Committee on National Missions of your Presbytery, you will be interested in the enclosed copy of a letter I am writing today to Mr. Youel.

Faithfully yours,

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First Presbyterian Church

Rev'd E. L. Winterberger A. M. Minister

April
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ANCHORAGE,
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Rev. J. M. Somerndike D.D.
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My Dear Dr Somerndike:

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The church should have basement, should be put on concrete foundation, and nothing is saved by a half basement- It should have simple lines yet be a church and not a barn. The manse should be along the same lines, bed rooms should be not over 12 X12 and 11 X 11 would be better. It should have one bed room down stairs and a not prominent stairway up stairs with possibly two bed rooms in centre of roof up stairs with partly sloping roof in these if need be. This will make for a lower building and less to heat. If you get my idea. One of these up stairs rooms could be used as a study. And please do not suggest that they use three ply boards for finishing for they are cold, and do not finish well in this country. Celotex, I think it is, about a half-in. wood pulp or paper material is the better for keeping out the cold and for sound proofing.

I do not know whether Mr Bingle is ready to go there and with his family live in a tent until a house can be put up, but if he is I think it would be well to get him on the field so soon as it can be done. At least by May fifteen. It will not be very practical for him to go up there and have his family in Cordova. Transportation is slow here and he would be spending too much time and too much money on the road.

If your Seminary man is all ready to take up the work at Cordova let Bingle off there and send the man in so soon as you can to take up that work. If they had to conduct their services for a Sunday or two or three it would not hurt them any, and I think they would do it very well.

In re. your plan about making every church in Alaska self-supporting, the proposition meets with my approval, but the plan will have to be put in operation with some consideration as to the ability of the churches to do it. Just now, if I am rightly informed, Cordova is not booming very much and it might not be easy for them to take a regular cut of 10% each year. That is a good plan to start, if the church makes the grade the first year it would be all right to put it on the second, but if the minister has to make the reduction from his own salary, there will come a time when all he can do is to leave.

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to make the salary the same as Mr Bingle received, and since he is new and will give a new slant to the work he will be able to do this with less trouble than if he started in the second year. That is at least my feeling in the matter.

But no rule of that kind can be so hard and fast as to be unchangeable or unadaptable. One year it might be done easily and the next be impossible. In our own case I feel that we reduced our asking by at least a hundred dollars last year as the church gave to the Boards about \$200. I should feel bad if this were lowered this coming year on account of the \$100 less we are asking from the Board.

As to the Methodists coming in to Anchorage, I would say if they want to come. let them come. The Lutherans tried it for about five years with two different men, and the first man when he left reported that there were over 100 Lutherans here his successor when he came and found about six whom he could get out the services felt he had been led on by a false hope and after a year or two he left, and they have not been eager to take it up again.

The M.E.'s have been cutting down their man at Seward until he is getting less than an ordinary laborer on the section of the R.R. so if they want to come in here and make up for our inefficiency, I say let them come. But they should count on an initial expense of about \$15,000. for church and parsonage, and then they might not get a big crowd to attend. It looks a lot easier 3000 miles away than it does when you get close to Alaskans. I wonder their success at Juneau does not give them pause or produce reflections.

Here's hoping all goes well.

Sincerely yours.

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Rev. E. L. Winterberger,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Mr. Winterberger:

By this time you have received my letter stating that we have agreed to Mr. Bingle's proposal that he be given four months' leave of absence to take care of the Matanuska Valley project. Near the end of this period we shall be able to determine what is the next step to take. I am writing this in the light of your letter of April 17th which crossed my previous letter to you in the mail.

We need not worry about the new church building in the Matanuska Valley now, for we shall be obliged to follow the lead of the Government architect, Mr. Troast, in this matter. He advises us not to undertake any building project this year, and I think his advice is good.

Faithfully yours,

JMS:BH

April 1st, 1935

Rev. E. L. Winterberger
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Mr. Winterberger:

The announcements issued from Washington relative to the settling of the Matanuska Valley within the past few days prompt me to take immediate action looking toward plans for taking that field under the care of the Presbytery's Committee and the Board. Mr. Bingle has written me that he is willing to undertake the work, and I am going to provide his salary out of a special fund that is available. It would not be practical for him to continue as pastor of Cordova, I am sure, but I think he is peculiarly adapted to the kind of work that needs to be done among new settlers in new communities. Of course, it would not be advisable for him to leave Cordova Church until the people begin to arrive in the Matanuska Valley, which I suppose will be some time the latter part of April or early in May; but he ought to be on the ground as soon as these people come. If not, some other denomination will drive a wedge into our work by sending a man in there, in spite of the fact that I have already filed a notice with the Home Missions Council that we will take charge of that field. I fear most of all the ambitious schemes of the Methodists with whom I have already had some trouble in keeping them out of Anchorage. They have even gone so far as to say that they have plenty of justification for entering Anchorage on the ground that our Church isn't serving the community adequately. Don't resent this, but just tuck it away for future reference.

Now, if we send Mr. Bingle into the Matanuska Valley, what should we do for Cordova? The appropriation for Cordova will still be available. I can get a fine young man from Princeton thoroughly prepared with college and theological training, and with missionary spirit, who would be willing to go to Cordova and develop that field. I think that we ought to work harder in fields like Cordova to bring them to a self-supporting basis. It would seem to me that if we placed a new man in Cordova, he ought to go with the understanding with him and the church that the Board will begin with the payment of the present appropriation which we are making to Mr. Bingle for the first year, and that the church will absorb 10% of that amount every year for a period of ten years, or 20% of the amount for a period of five years, with the

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definite goal of self-support in view. The question is insistently being raised as to the justification of our continued grants without change from year to year for the support of pastors and churches like Cordova, Anchorage, Fairbanks, etc. It would help us immeasurably in our promotion work in behalf of Alaska to be able to say that these churches are progressively developing toward self-support and that they are following a definite plan that in the course of a certain number of years will put them on a self-supporting basis.

I would like your advice as soon as possible whether you would like us to send a young man to Cordova in place of Mr. Bingle. I assume that Mr. Bingle will remain in Cordova until word is received that the new settlers are about to sail and will be arriving on the field. Of course, it would be wise for him to make a scouting trip up there and try to find a place where he can locate his family - if he intends to locate them up there with him. It is possible that he may want to camp out there along for a while as I understand that the new settlers will have to live in tents for a while until houses are erected for them.

I am glad to give you the assurance that we can provide for Mr. Bingle's support as a missionary for the Matanuska Valley and that we can continue the appropriation to the Cordova Church.

With best wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

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P.S. I am sending a copy of this to Mr. Bingle.